MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: A memorial has been sent up and the main prayer made therein is the grant of overtime allowance.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Was the memorial put in before this present system was introduced?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I can say that only after examining the memorial which is not in my possession now.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Is it then to be taken that in answering the question no reference has been made to the memorial?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The memorial referred to is not now in the hands of the Chief Secretary.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: With reference to answer marked (*e*) and (*f*) may I know whether the memorial is not available with the Government?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No, Sir. It is not available just now.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. It might have been submitted to the Government. Anyway, the honourable member has made it clear that it is not available with him now.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes, Sir. All that I can say now is, that I do not have the memorial with me.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: If it is not available with the honourable, member, then may I know how he was able to give the answer referred to in (*e*) and (*f*)?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The honourable member for Government apparently thought that he had dealt with the matter and so he had sent it to some other Department for report. I take it that is the idea.

MR C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes, Sir, I have already told that the main prayer in the memorial is for the restoration of pre-retrenchment rates for overtime work.

PRESIDENT: Did not I hear the honourable Chief Secretary to say that this memorial has been sent to some other Department?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes, Sir, I said that it was sent to the Government Press.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: How long is it since the memorial has been forwarded to the Superintendent?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I cannot give that answer. I claim notice.

Relief acting of teachers.

273. ***MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of acting hands they have relieved from the Education Department?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The question is too general and not clear.

Rule 45, Public Service Recruitment Rules.

274. ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether complaints have been received by the Government or the Public Service Commissioner about the hardship inflicted by the operation of Rule 45, Public Service Recruitment Rules;

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[Mr. S. Narayana Pillai.]

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number and the nature of such complaints;

(*c*) whether Government have considered the desirability of modifying the said Rule with a view to the prevention of such complaints; and

(*d*) whether a similar Rule obtains anywhere in India?

DR. G. D. NOKES (*Public Service Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is not easily possible to ascertain the number of complaints received as they are usually included in documents dealing with other matters and are not separately filed as complaints. The nature of the complaints is that some hardship has occurred.

(*c*) The Member is referred to pages 43 and 44 of the Public Service Department Administration Report for 1112 M. E.

(*d*) Government have no information.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether there have been complaints to the effect that persons who passed much low in the rank have been confirmed in Departments disregarding the claims of persons who are high up in the rank?

DR. G. D. NOKES: I have received no complaints of that character.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know when there are candidates waiting in the acting list, others who have lesser periods of acting and who have been selected by the Commissioner have been confirmed?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The departmental authorities may have confirmed such candidates in some cases.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether Government propose to make any amendment to rule 45 of the Service Regulations?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. An experienced member like the honourable member cannot ask such questions.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Sir, there was such a proposal in the answer. From pages 43 and 44 of the Public Service Department Administration Report an inference to that effect can be made.

PRESIDENT: In a Government report the future intention of the Government may be discernible, but the honourable member cannot put such questions.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether representations have been made by some candidates waiting in the list urging amendment to be made to rule 45?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Representations have been received for the amendment of rule 45.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the action taken on such representations?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The answer refers to suggestions contained in the Departmental report. These suggestions were duly followed up and the amendment was made to the rule and published in the Gazette.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, may I know the nature of the amendment?

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DR. G. D. NOKES: The amendment was primarily made for the purpose of taking out of the rule all the people who are recruited in short vacancies.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether there are complaints regarding the non-adoption of territorial representation?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. (*Laughter.*)

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Sir, may I put a question?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether the candidates who have been selected in the first selective test have all been absorbed before recruitment was made from the second list?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Naturally the first list has to be finished before candidates are appointed from the second one.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Sir, for the Intermediate Division 510 candidates were selected in the first list. I wish to know whether all these candidates have been absorbed before persons from the second list were taken?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Sir, it is impossible to answer such a general question. If the honourable member had made reference to any particular appointment it would have been possible for me to answer.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether about 50 candidates who stood low in the order of merit are already confirmed while several others are without any acting places in the several departments?

DR. G. D. NOKES: I cannot deal with 50 candidates. I must know for what appointment they were candidates and in which test they were selected.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether 5 candidates who stood low in the order of merit in the selective test were confirmed in the Registration Department as clerks on Rs. 20-25?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The clerks in the Registration Department are selected along with the clerks tested for other departments. I cannot furnish the details that are referred to just now. This is a matter concerning the departmental authority?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. In matters of this kind if honourable members have information in their actual possession regarding specific hardship, it would be the best course to put those into the questions. A question like "whether complaints have been received about the hardship due to the operation of rule 45" &c., opens such a vista that it is difficult to expect Dr. Nokes to answer the details concerning appointments in the Registration Department or Public Works Department or any other Department in the State. In future, if the honourable members will put in addition to their general question the specific instances or grievances of which they are complaining, it will facilitate the answering of the supplementary question and make it impossible for vague replies being given which satisfy neither the giver nor the member who puts the question.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will it be proper to mention name or number in the list of questions?

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PRESIDENT : The honourable member has made the question clear. He said that in the Registration Department certain contingencies occurred. If that question had been put along with the list of questions the honourable member would have consulted the Department concerned and a more satisfactory answer could have been facilitated.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether No. 1 in the order of merit is out of service ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : If the member refers to the first selective test for English speaking clerks on Rs. 20 in various departments, the first selected candidate is now out of service, I believe, as I have received about four petitions from them to this effect.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether the honourable member is aware that candidates are recruited first as a Police Constable then as a teacher and on the third occasion as a hotel server ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : It is quite possible in cases where the minimum qualification is the same.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Sir, I wish to know whether there are actually cases where teachers have been made to act as Sub-Registrars ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : I am not aware of any specific instance.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether, at present, a candidate has to wait without any employment for years sometimes after once getting an acting appointment ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : It is quite possible that a candidate may be appointed for a short vacancy, and not be reappointed for a year or perhaps two years.

Staff in the office of the Public Service Commissioner.

275. * **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN :** With reference to the office of the Public Service Commissioner, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Public Service Commissioner has written to them that the present staff in his office is insufficient and that more hands have to be entertained ;

(*b*) if so, whether permission has been given to entertain more hands ; and

(*c*) if not, the reason therefor ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Does not arise, in view of the answer to Part (*b*) of the interpellation.

Appendix I

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 254**

The amount spent for the maintenance of Karavila channel during the years 1109, 1110, 1111 and 1112.

year.	*Amount.* Rs.	Ch.	C.
1109 ...	201	17	13
1110 ...	407	0	12
1111 ...	536	12	14
1112 ...	311	23	0

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